

Farmington City Council
Meeting Minutes-June 17, 2024
Prepared by Nancy Reed, City Clerk

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on June 17, 2024 at the Farmington City Building, 322 E. Fort Street. Ald. Gilles led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following Aldermen answered present to roll call: Gilles, Smith, Boggs, Fleming and Crusen. Adm. Bohanan and Charles Fischbach, City Treasurer were present. Atty. Connor was on Teams. Ald. Fleming motioned for Ald. Gilles to be acting Chairperson for tonight's meeting in Mayor Stufflebeam's absence. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion that carried with all ayes. Ald. Fleming moved to approve Ald. Rose to appear remotely on Teams. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion that carried with all ayes. Ald. Rose will join the City Council meeting on Teams.

MINUTES:

Ald. Fleming moved to approve June 03, 2024 regular session minutes. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence for tonight's meeting.

CEMETERY MINUTES:

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Mr. Herb Stufflebeam reported on the Oak Ridge Cemetery Board of Managers Report. A retaining wall will be built 3 feet back from Vernon Street for safety reasons. Landscaping has been completed and have been watering the shrubs. Bids are being taken for a new hip roof on the mausoleum. There will be new cement work on 3 sides of the tool shed with new updates. A man from Elmwood will be contracted to restore one hundred broken and buried grave markers. The old gates are back from powder coating. Working on getting a flag pole by using an old light post from downtown for the cemetery. The new flag and pole will be displayed inside the Vernon Street entrance. There is new fencing going in July at the north boundary area. There will be no board meeting July 09, 2024.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Adm. Bohanan read the Administrator Report some of the highlights included **Public Works:** They will trade in the red truck for a truck that doesn't require a CDL license, they have installed an ice machine at Jacobs Park, they will be working on sidewalk repair, finishing tree trimming, power has been installed at Jacobs garage and routine maintenance continues. **Farmington Community Center:** USA Basketball Camp led by Coach Dave Williams, continues with 150 children attending. Work has begun on the studio named after Diane Toohill. The Dance Connection of Bartonville will begin class August 12, 2024. Open House will be August 06, 2024 at the Farmington Community Center. **Summer Recreation:** Average attendance is staying steady with 75 children. Work continues on the Summer Food and Fun Grant. What's going on **Around the Office:** The website continues to be updated. Working on

“Food Truck Fridays” in the city parking lot behind Nickel Plate. Saving \$4,000 in office supplies by switching sewer bills to postcards. Solar and roof work will begin July 08, 2024 on the municipal building. Meeting with Fulton County Arts to incorporate Farmington into many events. Working on Italian Fest and much more.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ald. Boggs moved to read Ordinance 2024-06: Storm Sewer Easement by title only. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Chairman Gilles read Ordinance 2024-06: Storm Sewer Easement by title only. Ald. Boggs moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2024-06. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Ald. Boggs moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-06: Storm Sewer Easement. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Ald. Boggs moved to read Ordinance 2024-07: Sewer Easement by title only. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Chairman Gilles read Ordinance 2024-07 by title only. Ald. Boggs moved to waive the second reading Ordinance 2024-07. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Ald. Boggs moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-07: Sewer Easement. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Ald. Boggs moved to approve a Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code with a sum of \$6,500. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ald. Boggs moved to donate \$250 to the Friends of the Farmington FFA Alumni Association. Junior Livestock Show in Lewistown, IL. at the Fulton County Fairgrounds on June 15, 2024. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Ald. Fleming moved to donate \$250 to the Farmington Chamber of Commerce July 04, 2024 Celebration. Ald. Smith seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; and Ald. Boggs, yes.

Ald. Boggs moved to read Ordinance 2024-09: Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a TIF Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Farmington, Fulton County, Illinois and Farmington Masonic Lodge AF & AM #192 by title only. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Chairman Gilles read the Ordinance 2024-09 by title only. Ald. Boggs moved to waive the second reading. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Ald. Boggs moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-09: Ordinance Approving and Authoring the Execution of a TIF Redevelopment

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Ald. Boggs moved to read Ordinance 2024-10: Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution Agreement by and between the City of Farmington, Fulton County, Illinois and Reflective Properties LLC and Creation Designs by Cassandra, INC by title only. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Chairman Gilles read Ordinance 2024-10 by title only. Ald. Boggs moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2024-10. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Ald. Boggs moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-10: Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution Agreement by and between the City of Farmington, Fulton County, Illinois and Reflective Properties LLC and Creation Designs by Cassandra, INC. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Ald. Boggs moved to read Ordinance 2024-11: Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a TIF Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Farmington, Fulton County, Illinois and David Nichols by title only. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Chairman Gilles read Ordinance 2024-11 by title only. Ald. Boggs moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2024-11. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Ald. Boggs moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-11: Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a TIF Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Farmington, Fulton County, Illinois and David Nichols. Ald. Fleming second the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Ordinance: Ald. Crusen had nothing to report. Would like to see railing on the downtown sidewalks for safety reasons.

Public Safety: Ald. Boggs had nothing to report.

Sewer: Ald. Fleming had nothing to report. Would like to see the glass cleaned up in the parking lot at the municipal building.

Streets/ Sidewalks/Garbage: Ald. Gilles had nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation: Ald. Smith asked about the Farmers Market for this summer. Adm. Bohanan would be happy to advertise on the City webpage if the participants would like to contact her in the office.

Public Grounds and Buildings: Ald. Rose had nothing to report.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mr. Morton would like the hand railing on the gazebo repaired at James Reed Park. He also mentioned mulch needs to be added under the swings and the benches need to be power washed. Ald. Smith commented that a new slide has been ordered. The new handrail for the gazebo ramp was discussed with Public Work employee, Shilo Vansmiddlesworth. Mulch has been ordered with Corsaw Lumber. The benches have been power washed. With no other comments or questions, Ald. Boggs motioned to

adjourn tonight's meeting. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes with an adjournment time of 6:37 p.m.